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Applicants note that the documents which are marked with a double asterisk (**) next to the Cite No. in the attached form PTO/SB/08 were previously cited by the Patent Office in a related Application Serial Number 10/270,151, filed October 15, 2002 and relied upon in this application for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Applicants also note that Examiner Allen C. Ho has considered the references listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08 in an Office Action dated August 10, 2004 mailed during the prosecution of related Application Serial No. 10/270,151. Applicants further submit that the above-identified patent application was filed on April 2, 2004 as a continuation application of Application Serial No. 10/270,151. Accordingly, in view of § 609 of the

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